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Dear Dr. Henney:

I am very concerned about the widespread use of antibiotics in animal feed in this country, as their use leads to the evolution of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria which endanger our health. Any use of antibiotics is risky for this reason, thus antibiotics should be used only when absolutely necessary. Their use in animal feed is not necessary and is extremely dangerous to the health of people who eat these meats. Strains of Salmonella and other disease-causing organisms found in raw meat and under-cooked meat are increasingly resistant to several antibiotics; one strain of Salmonella that is resistant to five different antibiotics increased from .6% of specimens in 1980, to 34% in 1997.

I understand the FDA approved the use of fluoroquinolones for poultry in 1995. Fluoroquinolones have become the top choice for treating life-threatening Salmonella infections. Use of the fluoroquinolones on animals in Britain has led to resistant Salmonella. It will happen here too. I do like to eat chicken; but as it gets increasingly dangerous, I will add chicken to the beef on my do-not-eat list for fear of ingesting antibiotic-resistant organisms.

Sweden banned all non-therapeutic use of antibiotics in agriculture in 1986, and they have a highly successful system of meat production that does not depend on these drugs. The World Health Organization in 1997 recommended ending the use in animal feed of ALL antibiotics used in human medicine. I find it INCREDIBLE that our country's Food and Drug Administration puts us at risk by allowing antibiotics to be used non-therapeutically and regularly in animal feed in this country. It is the job of the FDA to protect United States citizens.

Please see that all antibiotics used in human medicine are banned from use in animal feed.  
Thank you.

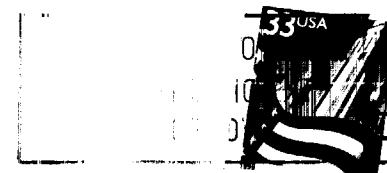
Sincerely,

  
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